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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: US/IRAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

REF STATE 22371

1. WHILE YOU ARE OBVIOUSLY BETTER PLACED THAN WE TO JUDGE WHETHER IRANIAN REDRAFT OF PROPOSED NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT MEETS CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED US LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THERE BE NO DEVIATION ON EITHER SIDE FROM WHAT WAS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BETWEEN THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE. MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE SHAH WAS TOLD BY THE PRESIDENT AND BY SECRETARY VANCE THAT IRAN WOULD BE ACCORDED MOST FAVORED NATION STATUS IN OUR AGREEMENT. THIS COMMITMENT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, WAS NOT QUALIFIED NOR WAS IT INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO SELECTIVE INTERPRETATION. REFTTEL PARAS 5B AND 5E SUGGEST THAT WE MAY BE TAKING A POSITION CONTRARY TO WHAT THE SHAH UNDERSTOOD.

2. WE SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT THE AEOI MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL US FLEXIBILITY AT THE MARGINS, AND IN THE CASE OF SEPARATED PLUTONIUM MAY BE SEEKING AN
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ARRANGEMENT THAT GOES BEYOND THE "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE" REACHED AT THE SUMMIT. BEFORE WE CONSIDER ANOTHER HIGH LEVEL DEMARCHE, HOWEVER, WE WOULD WANT TO BE SURE IN VERY SPECIFIC CONCRETE TERMS HOW AND IN WHAT WAY IRANIAN POSITION DIFFERS FROM THE "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE." PRESUMABLY YOU WILL WISH TO DEFER FORMULATING YOUR RESPONSE WHICH COULD BECOME THE SUBSTANCE

OF ANY SUCH DEMARCHE UNTIL YOU HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO
REVIEW THE QUESTION WITH MANZOUR. HE HAS TOLD US THAT HE CAN ARRIVE
IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 15 AND SPEND AT LEAST THE 16TH AND
17TH GOING OVER THESE AND ANY OTHER QUESTIONS WITH YOU.
WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT DISCUSSED ANY OF THE POINTS
RAISED IN PARA 5 OF REFTTEL WITH HIM.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THE TIME HE SUGGESTS IS
ACCEPTABLE TO YOU AND WHETHER ON THE BASIS OF FURTHER
ANALYSIS OF THE IRANIAN REDRAFT AND OUR FOREGOING
COMMENTS YOU WISH US TO DISCUSS ANY PARTICULAR POINTS
WITH HIM PRIOR TO YOUR MEETING.
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